

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated July 27, 2005, Claims 1-21 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner for reconsideration of the rejections.

Claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Lee et al.* (6,856,868). Applicant submits herewith a \$1.31 affidavit to eliminate this reference.

Claims 7, 13, and 18-21 stand rejected as being unpatentable over *Lee* in view of *Holler* (6,741,922). The *Lee* reference is assigned to Ford Global Technologies. The present application is also assigned to Ford Global Technologies. Therefore, under §102(c), the *Lee* reference is no longer available as being commonly assigned.

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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